

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Atmos Energy Corporation's Tariff       )  
Revision Designed to Consolidate Rates and                )  
Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas       )  
Service in the Missouri Service Area of the Company.    )  
**Case No. GR-2006-0387**

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Issue Date: April 10, 2006

Effective Date: April 10, 2006

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On April 7, 2006, Atmos Energy Corporation filed tariff revisions designed to consolidate rates and implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. Atmos also filed its direct testimony and a Motion for Protective Order on the same date. In accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.085, Atmos requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order to protect Atmos's proprietary and highly confidential information. Atmos asserts that disclosure of such information will harm the financial and competitive interests of the company, and that none of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document.

Upon review of the company's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect proprietary and confidential information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order shall be granted.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Atmos Energy Corporation on April 7, 2006, is granted, and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on April 10, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of April, 2006.